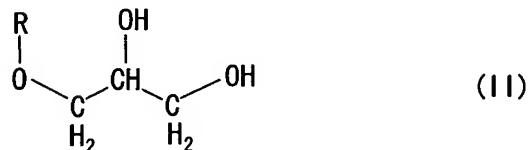
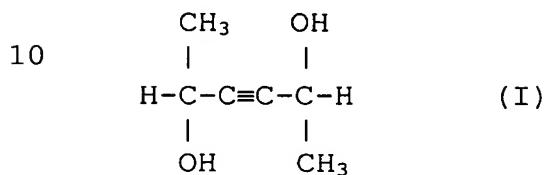


ABSTRACT

5 An external skin treatment composition containing, based upon the total weight of the composition, 0.001% by mass or more of a diol compound of formula (I), (II), (III), or (IV) or the derivative thereof and a balance of a carrier:



wherein R indicates a benzyl group or a phenyl group.

